

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:253
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2002
HIGH SPEED RAIL TRANSPORT
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to develop high speed rail transport in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, route-wise;
- (c) When is it likely to come about;
- (d) whether the Government of Karnataka has also submitted a proposal for the development of High Speed Rail transport between Hyderabad - Bangalore and Bangalore- Chennai;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 253 BY SHRI G. PUTTA SWAM GOWDA AND SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.12.02 REGARDING HIGH SPEED RAIL TRANSPORT

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, there is a proposal for undertaking a techno-economic feasibility study funded by Spanish Government for running high speed trains between Mumbai-Ahmedabad.

(d) to (f) : Ministry of Railways had identified 7 corridors including Hyderabad - Bangalore and Bangalore-Chennai for further exploration and development of former proposals. Government of Karnataka had also agreed with this identification. In view of significant potential, Mumbai - Ahmedabad corridor has been proposed for techno-economic feasibility study as a first step.